

Our Lady of Mt. Virgin Church

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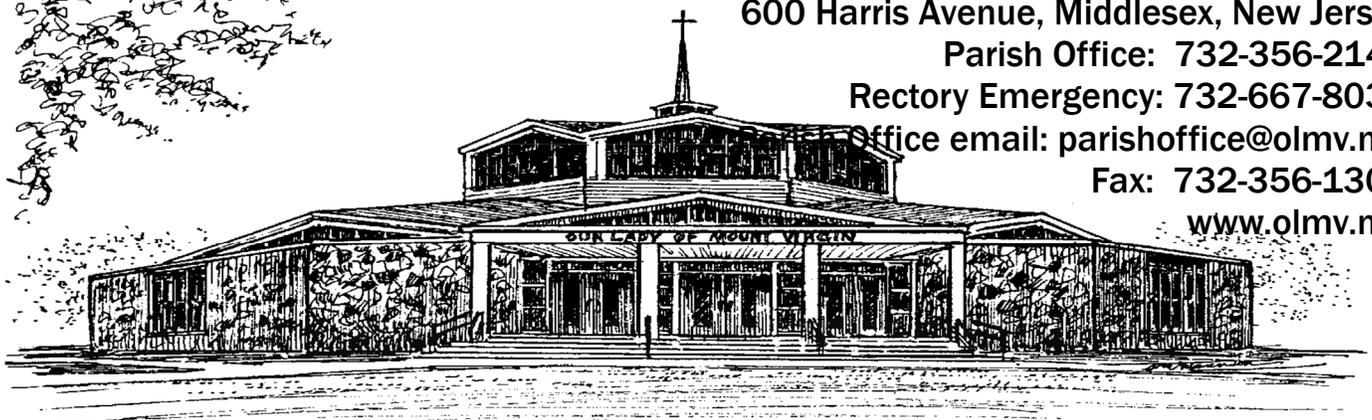
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MARRIAGES:

Couples are encouraged to contact the parish office to begin the Marriage Preparation Program. It is recommended that engaged couples begin this process a year in advance of the wedding. Please contact the parish office for additional information.

INFANT BAPTISMS:

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sunday of each month after the 11:30 am Mass (except during Lent). Families must be registered in the Parish and attend a Baptism Preparation Class. Please contact the parish office for additional information.

VISITS TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND:

Eucharistic Ministers are pleased to bring Holy Communion to the members of the parish who are homebound. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange for a visit by a Eucharistic Minister or to arrange for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

"Our Lady of Mount Virgin is a vibrant and welcoming Roman Catholic Parish that, guided by the Holy Spirit, offers opportunities for all to experience God."

Parish Office hours:

Monday-Friday (8:30 am-4:00 pm)

All are encouraged to visit and spend time in prayer and meditation in the church and in our Meditation Garden.

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturdays: 8:00 a.m. &
5:00 p.m. (Sunday Vigil Mass)

Sundays: 8:00, 10:00 & 11:30 a.m.
1:30 p.m. (Misa en Español)

Weekdays: 7:00 a.m. (M, W, F); 12:00 Noon
(Tu, Th)

Holy Days: 7:00 p.m. Vigil Mass, 7:00 a.m.
and 12:00 noon

ADORATION: 1st and 3rd Friday
after the Morning Mass until 12:00noon

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
Saturday from 3:30 to 4:15 p.m.

The Epiphany of the Lord
January 8, 2017

MASS INTENTIONS

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| MON., 7:00 | Jan., 9th A.M. | The Baptism of the Lord Alfonso Esposito Jr., r/o Bob & Sharon Moore |
| TUES., 12:00 | Jan., 10th P.M. | Weekday Thomas Wyckoff r/o Shirley Patten |
| WED., 7:00 | Jan., 11th A.M. | Weekday Deceased Sisters of St. Joseph r/o Sisters of St. Joseph of Petra House |
| THURS., 12:00 | Jan., 12th P.M. | Weekday Mia Celluzi r/o Phyllis Tagliaferro |
| FRI., 7:00 | Jan., 13th A.M. | Weekday Brian Parenti r/o The Parenti Family |
| SAT., 8:00 | Jan., 14th A.M. | Weekday Salvatrice LaMicela r/o Tripoli Family |
| 5:00 | P.M. | John & James Harrity Special Intention r/o Father & Family |
| SUN., 8:00 | Jan., 15th A.M. | Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Anna & Woodrow Connelly r/o Donald & Bernadette Colanduoni |
| 10:00 | A.M. | Patrick Ryan r/o The Ryan Family |
| 11:30 | A.M. | Doria Family r/o John & Josephine Colasuonno |
| 1:30 | P.M. | Comunidad Hispana de OLMV |

“Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.”

MATTHEW 2:11

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow all year long. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called to generously share all of our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be the most generous with that one thing that means the most to us.

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

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| Christmas 2016 as of 12/27/16..... | \$49,785.00 |
| Regular Collection December 25..... | \$9,905.00 |
| Weekly Expenses..... | \$19,246.00 |

MEDITATION GARDEN

Have you purchased your memorial brick yet? Memorial bricks are a beautiful way to show your support for OLMV Parish and to honor family members, special occasions, or to give thanks to God for favors received. Bricks can be ordered through the parish office: \$150.00 for a 4" x 8" brick and \$250.00 for a 8" x 8" brick. When we work together in praise of God---then the Lord's presence becomes powerfully present --- right here in Middlesex!

ACH Banking Forms are available around the Parish.

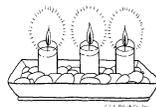
THANK YOU TO OUR PARISHIONERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF OLMV AT CHRISTMAS.

The Annual Collection for the Foundation for Catholic Education is scheduled to be taken the weekend of January 21-22. We thank you for your generosity in advanced!!

FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 8-14

Altar Candles

Anna & Woodrow Connelly r/o Donald & Bernadette Colanduoni



Tabernacle Candles

Marie Most r/o Lottie Murray & Family

PRAY FOR THE SICK...In your charity please pray for the sick of our parish, the sick who remain in our intentions and those whose names are kept on our prayer list. Prayers are requested for the recent deceased: William Kelly and Frances Franzoso.

On behalf of Father Mark, Father Peter and myself, I want to thank our parishioners for their generosity in remembering your priests at Christmas. Such beautiful Christmas Cards, such wonderful homemade food and cookies, such beautiful presents and gifts! May God shower his blessings on you in thanksgiving for your generosity.

Our Mass book for 2017 is now open.

Please stop by the parish office to make arrangements to remember a loved one at Mass. In addition to Mass intentions for your loved ones, other memorial opportunities are also available.

A letter from our Pastor

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

How quickly our Christmas season has come to an end. There has been so much preparation, so much anxiety about getting everything accomplished, so much care about purchasing those “perfect” gifts for our loved ones. We look back now with some nostalgia on the past two weeks, and we wonder about how much energy we have spent in getting ready to celebrate the “worldly” components of this special time.

Today, as we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany, we are invited to enter again into the time of Jesus as we continue to consider the experience of the new born “Christ-child” and his family. The word “epiphany” means “a manifestation.” We know from today’s Gospel passage that the star manifested itself to the Wise Men who were moved to follow it and look for the “King.”

Integral to our worship today is the need to consider how well we also follow our “King,” Jesus Christ. We are invited to look back upon our own efforts during the many weeks in which we prepared to welcome the new-born baby Jesus into our hearts. We are invited today to look back upon our own proclamation of the birth of Jesus on Christmas morning---by our words and actions.

Today we need to think about how well we, as we gathered around the tree in our own living rooms, remembered to “make room for Jesus” as we opened gifts and shared the joys of the secular side of our celebration.

We consider the Feast of the Epiphany today, and we think about how Jesus is manifested to us in our everyday lives. We must ask ourselves if Jesus is powerfully present in our hearts---today and throughout the year. Did I prepare; did you prepare to see Jesus as the center of our lives? Was our preparation only to welcome Jesus at Christmas---and then to put him away like we do with the ornaments that decorate our tree? Or, when people meet us, is the presence of the Christ Child made manifest in our words and actions?

We have begun a new year, hopefully a year of grace and hope, faithfulness and mercy. May we continue to serve as disciples of the Lord’s presence in our broken world! May each of us truly become “Epiphanies” to everyone we meet. May we become spiritual moments in which the “Light of Christ” is made manifest through us.

My prayer as we embark together into this new and hopeful year, is that we remain faithful to God the Father; always open to the love and grace of the Holy Spirit in our lives. My promise to you as your pastor---as we embark on the journey into 2017---is to faithfully serve you by faithfully serving God. Mother Teresa once said that “we are all pencils in the hand of God.” I invite you to join me in 2017 as together we write “God’s message of Love” here in Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish.

In peace and prayer,

Fr. Pat

Winter Blood Drive – January 22 2017.

8:00am – 1:00pm on the lower level of OLMV, we will have the semi-annual OLMV/Knights of Columbus Blood Drive.



Note: a pint of donated blood can save the life to three people! Maybe one of those three people eats dinner with you! Be generous to help others!

**Thought of the week:
A good example is the best sermon...**

Food Collection for Fish, Inc. We are asking each family to consider donating one or more of the following:

- A box of cereal or
- A package of rice or pasta or
- A canned good item or
- A can of coffee or
- A box of tea bags or

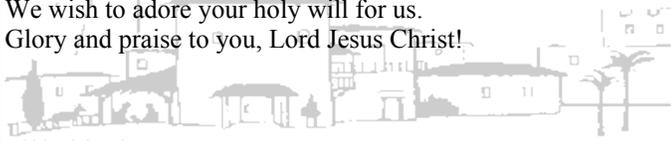
Any single non-perishable food item
Many in our parish are contributing a bag full of these items, and we are very grateful – but our collection would be “over the top” if every family would give even one item a month. Thank you for whatever you can do to help the needy in our area. **Next Food Collection: January 21—22.**

THE WISE MEN COME TO BETHLEHEM

Today the Wise Men see the little child and Mary his mother.

With them, Lord,
we wish to discover you in the midst
of our brothers and sisters.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
Today they prostrate themselves before you.

With them, Lord,
We wish to adore your holy will for us.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!



ADULT CONFIRMATION SESSIONS

are about to begin!
Join this interested group to deepen their love and
commitment to Jesus and their understanding of the Catholic
faith. If you are over 18 years of age and have celebrated
Baptism and Communion, you are welcome to our **FIRST
MEETING ON MONDAY, JANUARY 9th AT 7:00 P.M.**
in PETRA HOUSE. Please call Sister James to register or
for further information
(732-609-1091).

SAVE THE DATES:

Knight of Columbus Meeting: January 8.
Children's Liturgy: January 15.
Food Collection for FISH: January 21-22.
OLMV Blood Drive: January 22.
Altar Rosary Society Bake Sale: February 4-5.
Religious Education First Penance: February 8.
Baby Shower Collection: March 4-5
St. Patrick's' Day Cup Cake Sale: March 11-12

THE DEANERY SCHOOL- HOLY SAVIOR ACADEMY



Holy Savior Academy,
149 South Plainfield Ave.,
South Plainfield (www.holysavioracademy.com)
Holy Savior Academy accepts students coming into pre-
kindergarten through grade 8. Please contact the school
at **908-822-5890** to arrange an interview or to have a tour
of the facility.



OLMV ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY "**HELP LINE**"

732-356-2149 ext. 6

All calls for assistance are confidential
VEHICLE DONATION PROGRAM:
donate a vehicle to help the less fortunate.

To do so please call the help line: 732-356-2149 ext. 6.

The St Vincent de Paul Society

thanks our parishioners for their support.

Donation cards can be found at the church entranceways.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Our next children's liturgy will be held on **January 15**, at the
10:00 am Mass. Music will be led by our youth choirs, and
the children will be invited to come to the sanctuary and sit
by the altar to hear a homily designed for them. They will be
encouraged to take a greater role in the liturgy. We expect to
offer fellowship and hospitality in the parish hall after
Mass. All are welcome!

LAZARUS MINISTRY: *General Meeting on Monday, January 16, at 7:00 PM in Petra House.*

Come and learn how just a little of your time can
mean a great deal to those who have lost a loved
one. We will review the many aspects of the
ministry which enable your gifts to be used for the good of
others at their time of grief! We specially invite members of
the **MARTHA'S TABLE MINISTRY** to join us for this
annual meeting. Please contact Sister James
(sixavier@olmv.net; 732-609-1091) if you have any
questions, or please speak to a member of our Ministry.



NAOMI TEA... Sunday, January 22nd... 12:30 - 2:00 PM in Petra House...

We welcome ALL WIDOWS to join us as we gather to
share prayer, conversation, and refreshments. This is a
wonderful opportunity to meet friends and discover others
who have suffered the same loss. No need to register; just
come and bring a friend or someone who might need a ride
or a personal invitation. Small sized-bite dessert to share are
also appreciated!

The OLMV Knights of Columbus will attend mass together with their families on Sunday, January 29th at the 10:00 AM Mass.



There will be coffee and Danish
reception at 11:00 AM for any male parishioners over 18
who are interested in learning more about the Knights of
Columbus and joining the OLMV Council 127000. Spouses
and kids are of course welcome to attend!

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY UPCOMING EVENTS!!!

Sunday, February 5, 8:00 AM Mass & Communion
Monday, February 6, 7:00 PM Rosary & Meeting

February 4 & 5
Super Bowl "Bake Sale" after all weekend Masses
Please Mark Your Calendars!!!

FIRST PENANCE (RELIGIOUS EDUCATION)
2nd Grade Students
Wednesday, February 8, 7:00 P.M.
in the Church

Young Adult Ministry, Diocese of Metuchen:

Rev. Mauricio Tabera Vasquez, recently ordained for the diocese of Metuchen, will lead a reflection on the Feast of the Epiphany and our journey with Christ at a **Holy Hour** designed for young adults. The **Holy Hour** will take place on Sunday evening, January 8, 2017 - 6:00 to 7:00pm at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center in Piscataway, NJ. The next **Young Adult Retreat** will take place on Sunday, January 15, 2017: 2:00 - 7:00pm at the Loyola Retreat Center in Morristown. Contact Pat Martin at pmartin@diometuchen.org for more information or to register for the retreat.

Thank you:

As we prepare to enter into a new year, I want to thank everyone who has so generously supported Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish this past year. On behalf of Father Mark, Father Peter and Sister James, I also want to thank everyone who has been so generous to us during this holy season. You will be in our thoughts and prayers always. May God continue to bless you!

Didn't our Church look beautiful for our Christmas celebrations!!! Thank you to all of our parishioners who supported our annual Christmas Flower donation program. Your generosity enabled us to purchase the beautiful evergreens and poinsettias which added such beauty to our Liturgies. **THANK YOU!!!**

REMEMBER...

If the weekend Mass is being offered for your loved one please report to an usher. You have the privilege of carrying up the gifts in the offertory procession.

LAZARUS MINISTRY UPDATE

Our Parish Lazarus Ministry Team provides immediate support to families following the death of a loved one. Team members offer a loving response on behalf of our whole parish to the bereaved, and offer guidance in how the family may participate in the funeral liturgy. Follow-up concern is also offered as part of this ministry. We need more members to meet all these needs; please contact Sister James at 732-609-1091 or sjxavier@olmv.net, if you would like to be part of this important and healing ministry of our church.



Proclaimed in your Midst:

The worship Office of the Diocese of Metuchen will offer a workshop: **“Proclaimed in your Midst”** on Saturday, January 14, 2017 at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center in Piscataway: 8:00am – 1:00pm. Participants will be introduced to the ways that Sacred Scripture are reflected in the Liturgy and how the Liturgy reflects Sacred Scripture. This workshop is free, but registration is required. Please contact Tony Varas at 732-562-2435 or tvaras@diometuchen.org for additional information or to register.

Post-Abortion Healing:

Persons suffering after an abortion are encouraged to contact **Project Rachel** at 877-877-4300 or visit: HopeAfterAbortion.org or EsperanzaPosabprto.org [Spanish]) for confidential, non-judgmental assistance. The **Sisters of Life** also offer assistance. They can be reached at 866-575-0075 (e-mail: hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org).

OLMV YOUTH GROUP NEWS:

We will return on 1/8/2017.
Middle School Group: 6:00pm – 7:30pm
High School Group: 8:00pm - 10:00pm.

Everyone is welcomed bring a friend along!!!
We hope to see you there.

PARISH REGISTRATION:

In order to be considered a parishioner, all adults (persons 21 years of age or older) must complete a registration form which can be picked up at the parish office. Often, young adults who grew up in the parish don't realize that they must be registered on their own. Please remind young adults (family and friends) that they must register with the parish. Many young adults presume that they are registered because their parents are members of the parish. Once a person has reached adulthood, he or she must register in person to be considered a member of the parish. **To be eligible to receive sacraments or to receive sponsor letters, persons must be registered and active members of OLMV.**

ELIGIBILITY LETTERS FOR GODPARENTS AND SPONSORS:

Canon Law requires that a person seeking a “sponsor letter” to serve as a Godparent for the Sacrament of Baptism or a Sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation be a Confirmed Catholic who is active in his or her church and, if married, be in a valid, Catholic marriage. An “active” Catholic is understood to be a person who is registered, attends Mass regularly, contributes to the support of the Church and whose lifestyle in keeping with the Catholic faith.

Boletín en Español
Domingo 8 de Enero del 2017
La Epifanía del Señor

Actividades y Anuncios de la Parroquia
Nuestra Señora del Monte Virgen

- **Adoración al Santísimo:** Primer y tercer Viernes de cada mes, de 7:30 am—12:00 medio día, son todos invitados a pasar un tiempo en devoción y en oración con el Santísimo.
- **Collecta de alimentos para los mas necesitados FISH:** Tercer Domingo de cada mes. Las bolsas de comida las pueden dejar en la capilla donde se encuentra la estatua de la Virgen Maria.
- **Próxima Clase Bautismal:** Jueves 2 de Febrero a las 7:30 pm. Familias que deseen participar deben llamar a la oficina parroquial.
- **Grupo de Oración Discipulos de Jesus:**
El grupo de Oracion Dicipulos de Jesus impartira un seminario de vida en el Espiritu Santo, empezando el 5 de Enero y seguira por 7 semanas consecutivas. Les invitamos a venir y descubrir cuales son los dones y carismas para ponerlos a disposicion de la Comunidad.

Padre Pat.

Caridades Católicas Programa
de Servicios de Inmigración

ANUNCIO IMPORTANTE:

Este programa de la Diócesis de Metuchen busca ofrecer servicios legales de Inmigración a bajo costo a las comunidades de Nueva Jersey.

Las oficinas están localizadas en:

Perth Amboy: 271 Smith St. 732-826-9160 (Lunes a Viernes de 9am a 5pm)

New Brunswick: 56 Throop Ave. 732-214-8743 (Lunes a Jueves de 2pm a 8pm)

Phillipsburg: 430 South Main St. 908-977-3731 (Lunes de 3pm a 8pm)

- **Grupo de Oración:** Todos los Jueves de 7:00—9:00 pm. Todos son bienvenidos.
- **Clases de Inglés como segunda lengua:** Todos los Miércoles de 6:00—8:00 pm, en el Centro Parroquiano.
- **Compartir de Navidad:** Gracias a todos lo sfeligreses que de una u otra manera colaboraron con el compartir navideno! Su generosidad es grandemente apreciada!

- La Oficina del Ministerio Hispano en colaboración con el Tribunal Diocesano está planeando una presentación sobre las **Anulaciones** para aquellos que están divorciados y ven la posibilidad de iniciar el proceso de una declaración eclesial de invalidez sobre su matrimonio previo. La presentación será en español o bilingüe de acuerdo a la necesidad. Apreciaremos nos indique si hay suficientes interesados entre los feligreses para poder dar una sesión en esta Parroquia para alguna de estas presentaciones. De ser así, por favor, hablar con Gabriella llamando a la Oficina Parroquial (732-356-2149 ext. 1001) Gracias por su constante apoyo a nuestra comunidad hispana!!!

- Invitamos a todos los hombres entre las edades de 35—60 años de edad, que sientan el llamado de ser Diacono o le gustaría hablar con un Padre referente a el Diaconado, por favor llamar a la Oficina Parroquial para mas información. En el periódico "El Manantial" de este mes hay un artículo acerca dicho tema, les invitamos a llevar el periódico y leerlo. Como sabemos nuestra Comunidad Hispana aquí en la Diócesis esta creciendo y muchos Padres al no poder hablar Español, no cuentan con la capacidad de poder dar la Misa en Español. Si usted siente este llamado le invitamos a hablar con el Padre Pat después de Misa o comunicarse con la Oficina Parroquial.